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Illinois Central Railroad: Grain Elevator "A"
(Grain Elevator "A", Elevator "A")
South Water Street
Chicago
Cook County
Illinois

HAER No. IL-15

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
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SITE DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
Illinois	Cook	Chicago
HISTORIC NAME		HAER NO.
Illinois Central Railroad: Grain Elevator "A"		IL-15
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES		
Elevator "A", Grain Elevator "A"		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL AREAS)		
South Water Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	ENGINEER, BUILDER, OR FABRICATOR	
1855, rebuilt 1872	(Source of information is October 3, 1944 letter from C.H. Mottier, Chief Engineer, Illinois Central System, see field records)	
SIGNIFICANCE (TECHNOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE)		
Until the time of its demolition in 1943, this grain elevator was the last surviving 19th century elevator in Chicago.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
not appropriate		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
brick loading bearing walls, with tie rods and later reinforced concrete . within the interior, there was a heavy lumber wall system.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
None		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT)		
None		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
At some time before Sept. 1, 1919 (the date on the photograph), the long wall closest the water was rebuilt in reinforced concrete , above the window level.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
Demolished in 1943		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS, ETC.)		
letter included in field records Randall, Frank A., <u>History of the Development of Building Construction in Chicago</u> (Urbana, 1949)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION		DATE
Bill Lebovich, HAER		November 10, 1986